Upcoming Events in December

December 1 — Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 5 — 9 is School Spirit Week
December 5 — CAB’s Movie Night
December 6 — Free Ice Skating on Frog Pond
December 7 — Comedian Josh Robiniwitz
December 8 — Making Cards for Emma
December 9 — Classes End
December 12–16 — Final Exam Week

Interested in becoming a Resident Assistant for the 2012-2013 year???
Pick up an application from the ResLife Office on the first floor of 35 Commonwealth Avenue!
Information Sessions will be held in January, applications are due January 27th and the Group Interview is on Saturday, February 4th!!!

Interested in becoming a Peer Mentor???
Email Eric Rollo (erollo@baystate.edu) or Jennie Erdle (jerdle@baystate.edu) for more information!!!
Interviews will take place the week of 12/5!

The New York Sun

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. "Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' "Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
"VIRGINIA O'HANLON. "115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. As a child you may believe in fairies: you may get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.
Hey Bay State Students,

For the first time ever Bay State’s very own SGA will be hosting a school spirit week running from December 5-9. Events will be taken place all over campus. Help beat the stress of finals, relax and have fun before heading home for Christmas break.

**School Spirit Schedule**

12/5 — CAB’s Movie Night trip to AMC Jack and Jill
12/6 — Skating at Frog Pond on the Common
12/7 — Comedian Josh Robinwitz
12/8 — Cards for Emma

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**Boston Holiday Events**

With the holidays coming up and the semester coming to an end, it’s time to explore all of Boston in its holiday cheer. You may have noticed that at the Prudential Center they have brought out the Christmas bulbs and started spreading the holiday cheer.

On Wednesday November 30th the city had the tree lighting ceremony in Copley Square, and on Thursday December 1 was the Boston Common tree lighting, but don’t worry there are plenty of other things to do during this joyous time of year.

**Boston Holiday Calendar**

12/2-1/1 Boston Ballet: The Nutcracker
12/2 Macy Christmas Windows
12/3 Old South Church Christmas Craft Fair
12/3-12/18 Urban Nutcracker
12/7 Boston Pops Holiday Pops

Harvard Square Holiday Craft Fairs—Weekends and some weekdays through December

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**Student Activities Corner**

Happy Holidays from The Office of Student Affairs, we have you have a wonderful break and come back healthy and happy for the 2012 spring semester.

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**Winter Word Search**

- boots
- coat
- cold
- frost
- hat
- ice
- mittens
- glow
- scarf
- skates
- skis
- sled
- snow
- winter
Want to Get Involved?

Come to a Meeting!

Student Government Association:
Meets every Monday at 5pm in 35 Comm Ave Student Lounge

Community O’s: Meets every Tuesday at 4pm in 35 Comm Ave Student Lounge

Campus Activities Board: Meets every Tuesday at 7pm in 127 Comm

Business Office Turkey Basket Gobbles Up the Competition

The week of November 14 was a busy one for the Community O’s as they geared up for many holiday-related community service projects. One of these was the annual Bay State Turkey Basket competition. Residence halls, student groups, and offices and departments compete to put together the most elaborate and decorated basket of Thanksgiving meal supplies. The contents of the baskets are then donated to Heading Home, an organization dedicated to providing emergency, transitional and permanent housing, and support services, to low-income homeless and formerly homeless families and individuals in the communities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, Malden, Everett and Quincy. This year, the Business Office on the Garden Level of 122 took home first prize, a $25 gift card to Shaw’s (which they generously also donated to Heading Home). First runner-up was the Student Services team at 35.

“We definitely had a great time putting the basket together as a group, and each of us appreciated the insight we received from another regarding basket fillers, decorations, and what to do with the prize,” said Crystal Eason, Student Business Center Coordinator. “We look forward to competing (and winning) again next year!”

The holiday spirit continues to be alive and well at Bay State College as the Community O’s partner with the Early Childhood Education Department to coordinate a donation drive for Our Place, a daycare center for homeless children at the Salvation Army in Cambridge. To find out how to get involved with this and other efforts to alleviate homelessness in Boston, come to a Community O’s meeting! Tuesdays at 4pm in the 35 lounge!

Bay State College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student who is seeking accommodations based on your disability, please contact the appropriate Disability Support Services Coordinator to discuss reasonable accommodations:

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DEC 6TH
THE SPOT
BOSTON
437 BOYLSTON ST.
THIRD FLOOR
5:30 PM
$10.00

VOCAL WORKSHOP
WITH AMY DANCZ

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT 31 ST JAMES ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 1:20 TO 1:50 AND AT EVERY EM WEEK EVENT!

For more information, please visit www.thespotboston.com